

SHOT FROM AMBUSH

COLD BLOODED MURDER

An Assyrian Peddler Waylaid and Shot.

Sain Slyman, a native of Syria, was waylaid and killed last Tuesday at 9:30 p. m. in Upper Pocahontas, within three hundred yards of the Pendleton County line. The occurrence took place in the shadow of Haystack Mountain the highest peaks of the Alleghenies in the country known as the Sink. The dead man was a peddler. His home was at Davis and was one of four brothers composing the firm of Slyman Brothers, who business was peddling.

He was twenty six years old and five feet one inch high. He was a married man having a wife and two children in Syria.

He had been in the community several days, loaded down with heavy packs and was traveling from house to house displaying his wares. He stayed all night at the home of Mrs Mays, the mother of one of the men who was arrested. From there he went to house of Arthur Mullenax. He left there between 12 and 1 o'clock, to go to the house of Isaac Arbogast. He was traveling through a lonely pine-slashing. At one o'clock the report of a gun was heard which was the shot that killed him.

On Wednesday about 5 p. m. Robert Stark of that community was riding by the scene of the murder. His horse shied and attention was called to a pool of blood. He noted signs of murder and presently found the peddlers packs just below the road. He then noted the trail where the body of the dead man had been dragged through the soft earth by a man wearing a pair of shoes, the heels of one of which had been turned over. The body was found within fifty yards of the road. He had been shot in the side of the face with bird shot. Dogs had found the body and knawed at the face. The body was removed to Isaac Arbogast's house and the county authorities notified. Squire Oliver went up from Durbin and Prosecuting Attorney Douglas McNeill and Dr Norman Price, from Marlinton, reaching the place after a twenty four miles ride from Durbin.

An inquest was held and suspicion attached to Phares May, living in Pendleton County, and Burley Lamb, of Highland County his hired man. Witnesses testified that May, had been seen to go into the woods ahead of the peddler in time to be on the scene and that he made threats against him. It seems that May had a shot gun and that he borrowed another from Mathew Helmick. He then went to the house of his mother and found the peddler gone. He went on about two miles to Mullenax's and asked for the peddler and saw him looking out of the window. It was apparent that he knew that the peddler would go on the road he did towards Arbogast's.

May testified he was hunting hogs in the woods and that he was at home at the time the shooting occurred. This alibi was substantiated by Burley Lamb and Mays' wife. The evidence was considered sufficient to hold the two men and they were committed by the justice to jail without bail.

On the way to Marlinton on the train near Cass the prisoners broke down and the whole story come out. Two special constables, Sam Stark and Elijah Arbogast were guarding the prisoners. May remarked that he did not do the shooting but that he knew who did and that he was not going to suffer for what he had not done and would tell what he knew. He said that the boy, Lamb, had done the shooting and that he could prove it. As soon as the boy heard that May had confessed to this, he broke down and told his part of the story. The party were traveling in adjoining seats in the car.

Without any inducement or hope of clemency he hastened to say: "I did the shooting and May got me to do it. May said 'Peddlers ought all to be killed. We'll kill him and get the money.' We'll kill him and get the money."

The men being together they became enraged in the effort to shift the guilt. They called each other names and the whole story came out. Taking a whole story which the constables have since verified is as follows: May had a shot gun

which was no good. They borrowed another shot gun from Helmick which was a hard shooting gun. Lamb took this gun and hid behind a hemlock stump at the road side. The peddler came along carrying his heavy packs. Lamb shot him. May was on the other side of the road. May and Lamb instantly approached the body and cut the straps of the pack. They rifled the clothes and secured \$28 in money and some checks. They took the packs, threw them behind a brush pile within a few steps of the of the road and May took the body of the peddler by the two arms and dragged him down a log way getting blood on his clothes. The men were evidently panic stricken and were on the spot but a few minutes. They made no effort to conceal the blood in the road. They divided the money taking \$14 each. Lamb took a gold watch and some checks. May says he got his part of the money as a price of silence.

Lamb described where he had hidden the checks behind a hemlock log. The watch and money he hid at another place at the foot of a hollow chestnut tree. There has never been such another case in this county. The killing was in absolutely cold blood and the evidence apparently perfect. May puts all the responsibility on the boy. And the boy admits his guilt but equally implicates May. May is twenty five years old and has a wife and children. Lamb is nineteen and is a native of Highland. He is a logger by trade and has made his headquarters at May's house.

Mrs Caroline Hunter, Mrs Bertie Catlin, and Jack, have been visiting F. R. Hunter.

Wm. H. Wheelwright, of Roncevert, has located at this place and opened an insurance office.

J. C. Harper has located at Mt Sidney, Virginia, and will go into the mercantile business.

We hear that a new drug store will in all probability be opened in Marlinton.

W. A. Armentrout, from Tarders Repose, was in town this week. While here he settled for thirteen years subscription to the family paper, the Pocahontas Times.

John H. Sydenstricker, who has been located on New River in the saw mill business, is back to the county doing some surveying. He brought us a green apple as large as a walnut which was the second crop on a tree in the New River valley. Also some apple blossoms.

The Cosmopolitan Magazine has greatly improved. We think that the November issue was the best of all the current magazines. Formerly the Cosmopolitan was very dull and dreary and the average man hesitated some time before he invested ten cents in it. We are glad to see the improvement. The magazine should have special interest for Pocahontas people under the new management. Judge Moore late of this county is secretary and treasurer of the company and we think we can see some of this handwork in the compiling of the magazine. The paper on which it is printed is from the trees grown in this county, the paper being manufactured by the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company at Covington.

An inferior sort of a shooting took place at Cass last week between two strangers to the town. These visitors had been there some time with no apparent occupation and were having a good time.

They were from Wayne County and got in a dispute over some money transaction. One of them named MacThomas expressed a desire to destroy his friend by the name of Watts, and Watts after bearing with him for awhile shot him through the right lung and quieted him off some. The wounded man was carried to the Pocahontas Hospital where he was attended by Drs Arbuckle and Randolph. He developed pneumonia in the injured lung but is doing well, and will in all probability recover. Watts after waiting around for a while to see what disposition was made of his prey left the immediate vicinity leaving no address.

Asking for Free Boost. The Prudential Insurance Co. is sending out an article to publishers generally which it asks the editor to run as news item, and it happens to be about a half a column of rattling good advertising for the Prudential.

The investigation has evidently frightened the insurance company into hanging on to their money, and getting all the advertising they can for nothing. While publishers are very much interested in protecting the policyholders; they would hardly be able to see that they were contributing by giving their space to the Prudential—Publisher Guide.

Norfolk Gone Crazy. An insanity epidemic has struck Norfolk. Formerly it was unusual to have even one lunacy commission in the city a month, but now there are an average of three and four such commissions weekly.

The majority of the insanity cases are among the colored population, but recently there have been an unusually large number of white persons whose minds have failed, making it necessary for them to be taken into custody and confined in the city jail.

Physicians do not attempt to explain the cause for so many insanity cases here, except by the largely increased population of Norfolk in the last few years. It is admitted, however, that there must be another cause which has brought about the recent unusual epidemic of such cases.

Ed Sydenstricker, of Lewisburg, has been dangerously sick but is better at this time.

Died, at her home in Nelson County, Virginia, Monday, November 6, 1905, Mrs Ellen Camden, the mother of W. W. Camden, of Marlinton. She leaves surviving her three sons.

Rev. G. W. Marston will preach at the Presbyterian Church at this place next Sunday at 8:20 instead of at night. This will be the regular time hereafter.

A quantity of second grade flour for sale at Isaac McNeel's Mill. Apply to J. H. Dotson, Miller, Mill Point, W. Va.

The Myers Provision Company, of Wheeling, W. Va., are buying all kinds of game, both large and small and in any quantity.

Three young sons of John Tumb, of Charleston, aged 8, 10 and 13 years found a bottle of what they thought was whiskey by the roadside as they were returning home from school. They drank of the contents and all died of arsenical poisoning.

M. A. Kendall, who was State Bank Examiner, the last term, has been appointed an examiner of National Banks, at a salary of \$4000. Mrs Kendall made a good officer in this position and the appointment is well deserved.

S. I. Barlow has imported from Geo. McKerron & Company, of Pewaukee, Wisconsin, a fine Oxford Down buck sheep. The animal is registered as Barntwood No. 33,710. It is a Canadian sheep a yearling and weighs two hundred pounds. Mr. Barlow's intention is to breed from the sheep and sell buck lambs, to improve the breed of sheep in the county.

Thursday November 30th is Thanksgiving day. The President's proclamation is out, and varies materially from the usual cut and dried affair. He recalls the fact that the custom originated three centuries ago when the settlers were exposed to great dangers and hardships. In those grim years it became the custom to set apart a special day to give thanks to the Almighty for preserving the lives of the people through the changing seasons.

Notice. Notice is here by given that a special meeting of the council of the town of Marlinton, Va. will be held on the 6th day of December, 1905, the undersigned company will apply for the right to place telephone poles along the streets and alleys of the town of Marlinton.

This the 6th day of November 1905
POCAHONTAS TELEPHONE COMPANY
By J. P. MOON, President

State of West Virginia, Pocahontas county, ss: At rules held in the clerk's office of the circuit court of Pocahontas county on the first Tuesday in the month of November, 1905.

Henry Waggy, T. M. Berry and James Morrison trading and doing business as the Kanawha Stave Company, Plaintiff vs Attachment in assumpsit. Wm. R. Cole and Company, a corporation Defendant

The object of this suit is to attach and subject to sale the property of the defendants found within the jurisdiction of this court sufficient to pay the claim of the plaintiff amounting to \$860.08, and interest and the costs of this suit. The property attached in this suit is as follows: Five and one-half acres of land situated at the mouth of Clover Creek, on Greenbrier River, in Pocahontas County, West Virginia, being the same land on which is built the stave mill, boarding house and other buildings belonging to Wm. R. Cole & Company; also whatever interest the said W. R. Cole & Co. own in the standing timber sold to Wm. R. Cole & Co., by deed from C. P. Dorr of record in said county in Deed Book No. 21 at page 304, and also the following personal property belonging to the said Wm. R. Cole & Company, situated in said county of Pocahontas County, to-wit: Two Whitney drum stave saws, two stave buckers, one grindstone, one Dinkey engine; one mile of steel rail, one mile of steel rail, one saw mill, two blowers, one heavy log wagon, one swing cut off saw, one double stave jointer, one lot of belting. This day came the plaintiff, by its attorneys, and on its motion, and it appearing by affidavit filed that the defendant is a foreign corporation it is ordered that it do appear within one month after the date of the first publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect its interest in this suit.

Teste: J. H. Patterson, Clerk. Haymond & Fox, p. q.

We can handle game to better advantage and more of it than anyone else in the State. We can at all times pay the very highest prices. Ship any or all kinds.

Myers Provision Company, Wheeling, W. Va.

Highest price paid for hides at the Blue Grass Meat Market. G. W. Ashcraft & Company, Marlinton, W. Va.

We will buy all kinds of game, in any quantity such as: Bear, Deer, Wild Turkey, Pheasant, Quail, Wild Duck, Rabbit and Squirrel.

Myers Provision Company, Wheeling, W. Va.

We Want Your Cow and horse-hides. We tan and manufacture to order and will make you beautiful coats, robes and mittens, if you will ship us your hides. Samples free. Galloway coats and robes for sale at wholesale prices. All work guaranteed. Milford Robe & Tanning Company, Milford, Ind.

A fire avoided is equivalent to a policy of insurance. Every business house, factory, mill or dwelling should be provided with a Miller Air Pressure Extinguisher. It is equivalent to 195 buckets of water, is ready for use at all times, does not freeze at 20 degrees below zero. We use it in this office for protection. It is sold by Mountain State Scale & Specialty Co., Lewisburg, W. Va.

LOST CERTIFICATE. All persons are hereby notified that Certificate No. 78, for 30 shares of stock in the Marlinton & Camden Railway Company, dated July 22, 1905, has either been lost or misplaced, and application will be made to the said Company for a duplicate certificate in lieu thereof.

Given under my hand this 7th day of October, 1905.
T. R. Hoskins.
W. A. Bratton, Atty.

RAFFIA Natural, 2 1/2 pr ounce, 25c pr lb Colors, 5c pr ounce, 70c pr lb If by mail, add 1/4c pr ounce to help pay postage.
J. C. LOURY, Huntersville, W. Va.

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Special Bargains in Millinery



The following values speak for themselves:

Ladies and children's ready to wear hats in medium shapes, in black, brown, castor and navy, in only the latest styles; goods sold during the entire season at 75 to 98c. you can have your choice, 25c

Popular Priced Coats for women:

at \$4.98; coat made of of pane cheviot, 42 inches long, double breasted, with or without belt in the back.

At \$6.98, made of heavy kersey in black, brown and castor, body and sleeves lined with satin. They are big values. You cannot match them.

Men's heavy weight shoes at old prices. There is an advance of 20c on a great many heavy shoes, but I am still selling them at the old price. About 50 pairs of Dayton shoes, heavy weight with out side counter, all sizes \$2.49

School Shoes: Little girls army half shoes, made solid innersole, counter and a whole vamp, all sizes 5 to 8, 75c 8 to 2, 98c. I make a specialty of handling school shoes up to 4 1/2 in kid and box calf.

I want your butter, chickens and turkeys

I will do as well by you as any one else, if not better; you have a chance to get what you want at the right price, and the best price for you trade. If you Cant Come, Write

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We have our stock of NEW GOODS about complete and earnestly solicit your patronage and if you will consult your best interest you will not fail to buy your

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and everything you need in our line from us. ONE PRICE to every body and that the LOWEST, come and see for yourselves.

Agents for the Celebrated Milburn Wagons.

NICKELL, MILLER HARDWARE CO., Marlinton, W. Va.

MAKING OF LEAD PENCILS.

Vast Industry Conducted in the United States and Germany.

The number of pencils used in the United States annually, if divided evenly, would leave only two for each one of its population. A pair of pencils a year would be a small allowance for those requiring them every day. Yet, at this rate, when the total of about 160,000,000 for the whole country is calculated, one cannot help wondering how it is possible to consume such a vast number of pencils.

Some of the pencils are "made in Germany," but of the entire number that Americans use nine-tenths are of home manufacture. A considerable quantity of this article is also exported as well as imported. The pencil factories of the United States employ upward of 2,000 persons, paying them about \$700,000 in wages every year. America's annual output of pencils is worth \$2,000,000.

The wood most commonly sought for making pencils is Virginia or red cedar, which grows abundantly in the south, especially in Alabama and Florida. Europe, having nothing as good among its own trees for pencil-covering as Virginia cedar, obtains its supply of this material from the United States. But the American manufacturer is compelled to go abroad for the graphite contained in the pencils. Mexico, Bohemia, Ceylon and Siberia yield the best qualities of graphite. The preparation of graphite, of which, with clay, pencil lead consists, is an important industry in itself, and it has its home in Germany.

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The ladies are especially invited to examine my line of dress goods as I have all the new up-to-date qualities and colors, trimmings, etc. While here your attention is directed to the millinery counter, where you will find everything you need, in the new styles and shapes. Also look at the new stock of ladies jackets, three quarter coats, new style of dress skirts, furs, zephyr shawls, and in fact every article you need for a correct appearance.

To the gentlemen I extend a cordial invitation to examine the line of clothing I carry. You will anything in an overcoat you may wish, with prices to suit. In the way of suits, I have everything in color and style you may ask for.

Customers are invited to try my groceries. You will find my flour to be of the best, and in other lines as well the grade is the best. Asking a share of your patronage and a visit from all,

I am yours for business and good prices,

JACOB COOPER, Proprietor,

The Cass Big Department Store,